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1. YOU MAY INDICATE TO STEFFE THAT CHECKS WITH INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REVEAL NO BASIS FOR ALLEGATION THAT USG AUTHORITIES ARE ADVISING BOND RATING FIRMS REGARDING EITHER EIB'S RATING OR CREDIT EXPOSURE IN ITALY. THIS IS A DECISION OF THE RATING FIRM. BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMERCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF OFFICIAL INTERVENTION IN THE RATING PROCESS, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE USG TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

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2. FYI: STEFFE'S ALLEGATIONS MAY BE AN OFFSHOOT -- ALBEIT IRRATIONAL -- OF EARLIER RUMORS CONCERNING LOAN CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY EXAMINERS. WE SEE NO VIRTUE IN ADDING FUEL TO FLAMES WHICH HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY DIED DOWN BY GETTING INVOLVED IN WHAT MUST REMAIN AN ESSENTIALLY COMMERCIAL DECISION BY RATING FIRMS. BACKGROUND ON BANK EXAMINATION PROCEDURES OF COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY WAS TRANSMITTED REFTEL C. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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